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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. Censorship of mail is done under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior. It appears that letters coming from within the country are not censored.<sup>1</sup> While it is believed that letters from outside the country are censored.  it was thought that the authorities may have had some means of reading the letters without leaving any traces. 25X1
2. Within the country it takes about three or four days for a letter to go from one town to another. The cost of postage inside the country was 2½ leks for regular letters, 8 leks for registered mail, and ½ lek per word for telegrams. Postage outside the country cost 5 leks for ordinary mail and about 10 leks for registered letters. No special procedure is required for sending a letter abroad as long as the sender's name and address is on the back of the envelope.
3. Very few packages containing clothing or foodstuffs are received from foreign countries because the duty on the contents is so high that it sometimes exceeds the value of the items received. When a person receives either a package or money from abroad, he must show his identity documents in order to substantiate his claim.

## Comment:

1.  belief that internal mail is not censored is apparently based on the fact that  correspondents placed the stamps on the back over the flap under the erroneous impression that the only method of reading the letter would be to open the flap and tear the stamp. 25X1

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